

ZAMI, INC.

Atlanta's Premiere African-American Lesbian Organization

THE AUDRE LORDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 1995, the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund is administered by ZAMI and is the brainchild of its current Executive Director, Mary Anne Adams. The first two scholarships were awarded in 1997 and since that time, the fund has awarded 49 scholarships.

PURPOSE OF AWARDS

The **Audre Lorde Scholarship Awards** are designed to recognize **out*** lesbians and gay men of African descent who are making significant contributions to their communities. ZAMI wants to support and encourage their continuing education by providing scholarships to those women and men enrolled in accredited technical, undergraduate and graduate programs. In 2003, the Fund awarded sixteen \$1000 scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY

- An out lesbian/ gay man of African descent who is a graduating high school senior or currently attending any technical, undergraduate or graduate school located in the United States.
- Accepted or registered at a post-secondary educational institution for full or part-time attendance as defined by the institution
- Cumulative high school/college/or technical school grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Lesbians / gay men 40 years and older are **also** strongly encouraged to apply

REQUIREMENTS

- Submit official/unofficial up- to- date academic transcript (s). You may send transcripts only from your most recent school(s), provided two semesters of study are included.
- Acceptance letter if you are an entering freshman
- Completed Audre Lorde scholarship application form
- A two-three page typed statement of purpose
- You must be in attendance at the scholarship awards ceremony to receive your scholarship. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- Two letters of recommendations from a teacher, mentor, employer or activist/organizer in the lesbian/gay community

- A photo (head shot) passport quality- black/ white or color, which may be used at the announcement of the award.
- **Application will not be accepted if a clean headshot is not enclosed.**

AWARDS

Scholarship Amount ----- \$1000

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Lesbians and Gay men of African descent interested in obtaining an application should download an application from our website at www.zami.org

You may also call our office at (404) 370-0920 or e-mail audrelordescholarship@zami.org for an application.

All application materials must be postmarked by May 15, 2004 and mailed to:

ZAMI
P.O. Box 2502,
Decatur, Georgia 30031

Awardees will be notified on or before July 30, 2004. Recipients may apply each year for renewal.

We prefer that all application materials be mailed as one package. If the references or transcript is mailed under separate cover, the student is responsible for making sure that we receive it on or before the deadline.

Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Awards are for the current academic year only and by law are paid directly to the recipient and the academic institution. Checks not processed with the academic institution within 90 days of receipt will be rendered null and void by the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund. A scholarship committee reviews applications. Finalists may be invited to participate in a face-to-face or telephone interview.

Early applications are encouraged.

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ZAMI: A Carriacou word for women who work together as friends and lovers.....

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Application for The Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund
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PLEASE TYPE / PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email address _____

Permanent Address If Different From Mailing Address _____

Date of birth _____

Social Security Number _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Institution: _____ Circle One : Undergraduate Graduate

Enrollment Status Full-time _____ Part-time _____

Address of Registrar's/ Financial Aid Office: _____

Registrar's Telephone Number: _____

Area of Study: _____

Current GPA _____ Expected Year of Graduation: _____

ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

List Academic Honors/Awards or Extracurricular Accomplishments:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please describe any efforts or accomplishments that demonstrate your commitment to the lesbian / gay/bisexual/transgender community.

EMPLOYMENT

List paid and /or volunteer experiences:

Employer	Job Title	Location	Dates
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please write a 2-3 page statement describing who you are, the ways in which you live your life as an out black lesbian/ gay male and why you believe you deserve an award from the Audre Lorde scholarship fund. We are especially interested in hearing about important experiences, interests and abilities as they intersect sexual orientation, race, class and gender. *Please note that you can attach any addition examples of your work or a video tape introducing yourself if you feel this will make your application stronger. **This is not in lieu of the application or the written essay.**

DECLARATION (Must be signed for application to be considered)

I declare that the information provided above and attached is both accurate and truthful, and I will refund my scholarship if it is not.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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